GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:22
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2005
TERRORIST ATTACK AT AYODHYA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorist attack on Ram Janambhoomi Parisar at Ayodhya took place on 6th July 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether investigation of the incident has been completed;

(d) if so, the name(s) of the persons/organisation(s) responsible for the said incident;

(e) the number of persons injured/killed and arrested in this connection;

(f) the names of the agencies involved in the investigation of the incident;

(g) whether the security arrangements in the religious places, vital installations and places of national importance have been reviewed after the terrorist attack at Ayodhya;

(h) if so, the details in this regard; and

(i) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to ensure the security of such places?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (i): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFFERRED TO PARTS (a) TO
(i) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 22 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 26.07.2005.

(a) to (f): On 5.7.2005 at about 09.15 hours, 5 terrorists came near the barricading of the acquired area in Ram Janam Bhoomi-Babri Masjid Complex at Ayodhya in a Marhall Jeep. After getting down, they blasted the Jeep and thus made a hole in the barricading through which they entered the complex. These terrorists resorted to heavy firing and launching of grenades on the security personnel comprising of the Central Reserve Police (CRPF) and the Provincial Armed Constabulary, Uttar Pradesh (PAC). The Security Personnel in the Complex immediately took positions and retaliated promptly and effectively, killing all the five terrorists. In the exchange of fire three CRPF Personnel and one constable of the PAC sustained injuries. One civilian was killed in the blasting of the jeep by the terrorists while two civilians were injured. Investigations of the incident by the Uttar Pradesh Police are in progress. No group has claimed responsibility for the incident so far.

(g) to (i): Yes Sir. The Union Home Minister visited Ayodhya on 06.07.2005 for an on the spot assessment of the situation. He also held discussions with the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh. It was decided that the security arrangements for the Ram Janam Bhoomi-Babri Masjid Complex as also the Krishna Janam Bhoomi-Shahi Idgah at Mathura, Gyanvapi Mosque-Kashi Vishwanath Temple at Varanasi and Taj Mahal at Agra be reviewed jointly by the Central and State agencies and appropriate action taken to further strengthen them. The security arrangements at all these complexes were reviewed in a high level meeting of Central and Uttar Pradesh State Government officials on the 14th July, 2005. A High Level committee has been set up by the State Government to prepare revised action plans for upgrading the security for all the complexes keeping in view the emerging threat perceptions and implementation in a time bound manner. All the State Governments/UT Administrations have also been advised to review the security arrangements of important religious shrines, buildings of national importance, vital installations, historical monuments, etc located within their jurisdiction, which may be vulnerable to terrorist strikes.